This is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/591,223, filed June 9, now about down.

2000, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/138,619, filed June 11, 1999, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

## **REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to correct the claim to priority recited in the specification as originally filed. Specifically, the specification has been amended to indicate that the instant application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/591,223, filed June 9, 2000. A marked up version of the paragraph in the specification which has been amended, with deletions and additions indicated by brackets and underlining, respectively, is attached hereto in Exhibit A. No new matter has been introduced by the above-made amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-made amendments and remarks into the file history of the above-identified application.

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